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Rep. J. Edward Kerns
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Dear Representative Kearns:

Recently you enquired about abortions data for New Hampshire. There is scant statistical information on abortions performed in the state. New Hampshire is one of a handful of states that do not mandate by law the reporting of abortions to the state from all providers. For a brief period in the 1990's New Hampshire had a voluntary reporting program. However the voluntary system never provided complete statistics and was discontinued because of inconsistency in data quality and the lack of complete reporting. Information from hospitals and medical facilities has been analyzed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention who reported in 2000 that in 1997 hospitals and medical facilities reported performing 2,069 abortions in the state (MMWR Vol. 49, No. SS-11).

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you would like more information.

Sincerely,

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